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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9533

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 1147

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN FOREIGN TIES

1. DURING PAST WEEK SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL TOOK SEVERAL STEPS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS N'DJAMENA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS EXTENDED LATE LAST WEEK, EIGHT NONRESIDENT AMBASSADORS OR CHARGES D'AFFAIRES CAME TO N'DJAMENA FOR AFTERNOON MEETING MAY 7 WITH PRESIDENT OF SMC, GENERAL MALLOUM. MEETING CONSISTED SOLELY OF FIVE MINUTE STATEMENT BY MALLOUM, CLOSELY PARALLELING HIS STATEMENT TO DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS RESIDENT IN N'DJAMENA (N'DJAMENA 925). HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED

TEXT OF REMARKS AT MAY 7 CONVOCATION, MALLOUM ADDED PLEDGE OF ADHERENCE TO UN CHARTER AND TO OAU, BUT OMITTED REFERENCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT ADHERING TO A NONALIGNED POLICY. (COMMENT: LATTER POINT WAS EMPHASIZED TO ME BY A SOMEWHAT NERVOUS SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR (RESIDENT IN YAOUNDE); EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT OMISSION AT MAY 7 MEETING OF REFERENCE TO NONALIGNMENT COULD HAVE BEEN TO

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NOT RAISE IN SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S MIND POSSIBILITY OF

ESTABLISHMENT IN CHAD OF NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATION, BUT THAT INCLUSION OF MENTION OF NONALIGNMENT IN MALLOUM'S APRIL 18 STATEMENT WAS INTENDED AS MESSAGE TO U.S., FRANCE, USSR AND PRC THAT THEY AND THEIR ASSISTANCE WERE ALL WELCOME HERE.)

3. SECOND STEP WAS INVITATION FOR COCKTAILS EXTENDED BY SMC FOR EVENING OF THURSDAY, MAY 8, AT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS (THE FIRST SUCH CONTACT WITH GOC IN MY SIX MONTHS HERE). ENTIRE SMC WAS PRESENT, PLUS SYG OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND THREE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. SMC MEMBERS WERE RELAXED, CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. I TOLD EACH OF THEM WITH WHOM I TALKED THAT IT WAS USEFUL TO HAVE THIS INFORMAL CONTACT; THAT THERE WAS INTEREST IN THE U.S. IN HELPING SAHELIAN AFRICA, INCLUDING CHAD, NOT ONLY IN COMBATTING EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT BUT IN INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION; THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT, AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS, THE PRESENT AUTHORITIES HAVE MANY PRESSING PROBLEMS; AND THAT, WHEN THEY ARE READY TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE FUTURE OF AID PROGRAMS, I AND TECHNICIANS OF THE EMBASSY WILL BE READY ALSO.

4. MISCELLANY PICKED UP AT MAY 8 RECEPTION.

A. I ASKED GENERAL ODINGAR WHEN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED; HE REPLIED "PERHAPS IN A WEEK, PERHAPS IN A MONTH". EMBASSY BELIEVES MOST LIKELY CAUSE OF DELAY IS SMC'S INDECISION AS TO HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF "RALLYING" THE NORTH AND EXTENT TO WHICH AND UNDER WHAT TERMS AIMS OF FROLINAT WILL BE ACCOMMODATED.

B. EACH OF FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES, WHEN QUEIRED, REPLIED THAT MINISTRY IS OPERATING "NORMALLY" BUT THAT DECISIONS AND RESPONSES WILL BE DELAYED.

C. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WHETHER CHADIAN OFFICIALS COULD NOW ACCEPT INVITATIONS TO EMBASSY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, HE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, ADDING THAT EVERYTHING IS "NORMAL". (MANY CHADIANS, INCLUDING GENERAL ODINGAR, AND AT LEAST ONE FORMER FRENKH ADVISER TO FORMER PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE, ATTENDED SOVIET MAY 9 RECEPTION COMMEMORATING -- ACCORDING TO INVITATION "" "DEFEAT OF HITLERITE FASCISM" -- SEE N'DJAMENA 934.)

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D. GENERAL ODINGAR IS TO LEAD A CHADIAN DELEGATION TO KHARTOUM AFTER MIDDLE OF MAY AND SIMILAR TRIP IS PLANNED TO PARIS AND LONDON, BOTH VISITS TO EXPLAIN WHY CHADIAN MILITARY TOOK POWER. UNDERSTAND THAT VICE PRESIDENT OF SMC DJIME HAS ALREADY MADE A PRELIMINARY TRIP TO KHARTOUM.

E. GENERAL MALLOUM, ON THIS OCCASION, WAS MUCH MORE RELAXED

AND ANIMATED THAN ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS I HAVE SEEN HIM.  
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